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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SINGAPORE MEDIA REACTION TO
US-ASEAN MINISTERIAL CONTINUES FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH
THERE WAS COMMENT ON THE SPARSE COVERAGE GIVEN THE
MEETING BY US NEWS MEDIA. SINGAPORE PAPERS HAVE

FEATURED STORIES BY THEIR US CORRESPONDENTS PLAYING UP US PLEDGES ON THE COMMON FUND, THE VALUE OF THE "CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING" EXERCISE AND PARTICULARLY THE REPORTED US PLEDGE TO CONSULT WITH ASEAN ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE REGION. ONLY SLIGHT COVERAGE WAS GIVEN TO DISAGREEMENTS ON THE RECENTLY-INITIATED TEXTILE ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS; MENTION OF UNHAPPINESS OVER US HUMAN RIGHTS WAS BRIEF AND BURIED IN A FEW STORIES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM TOLD NEWSMEN ON HIS RETURN TO SINGAPORE AUG 11 THAT THE US WOULD CONSULT WITH ASEAN EVERY TIME IT CONTEMPLATES MEASURES WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECT ASEAN'S INTERESTS. RAJA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ASEAN DID NOT GET EVERYTHING THEY WANTED, THE MEETING TOOK US-ASEAN RELATIONS A FEW STEPS FURTHER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: RAJA'S REPORTED UNDERSTANDING OF THE US COMMITMENT TO CONSULT GOES BEYOND REPORT REFTEL, WHICH MENTIONS (PARA 3) PLEDGE TO CONSULT ON COURSE OF US-SRV RELATIONS AND UN INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION FROM DEPT AS TO EXTENT OF US PROMISE. KNEIP. UNQUOTE VANCE

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